

REMARKS

Allowance is respectfully requested in view of Applicant's amendments at this time. All claims are placed in allowable condition as being directed to the subject matter indicated to be allowable in the Final Office Action of January 10, 2008.

In paragraph 5 of the Final Office Action, claims 6 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. At this time, the subject matter of claim 6 is incorporated into claim 1, upon which claim 6 depended, and the subject matter of claim 12 is incorporated into claim 7, upon which claim 12 depended. Therefore, claims 1 and 7 are in allowable condition. The remaining claims, including new claims 17 and 18, depend upon either claim 1 or claim 7. Claims 17 and 18 are lithographic printing precursor claims patterned after now-canceled claim 15 and dependent upon claims 1 and 7, respectively, and are allowable for the same reasons why claims 1 and 7 are allowable. Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 15 have been canceled.

Applicant has earnestly attempted to place all claims in condition for allowance. If the Examiner notes any minor issues still remaining, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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